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SUBJECT: FIRING OF FIVE SOVIET TECHNICAL EXPERTS

1. LOCAL PRESS APRIL 13 CARRIES SHORT FRONT-PAGE SQUIB, QUOTING "OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN SOURCES", STATING THAT DIRECTOR OF IRON AND STEEL MILL IN HELWAN HAS DISMISSED FIVE SOVIET TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM THEIR POSITIONS AND SENT THEM BACK TO USSR. EXCUSE GIVEN BY DIRECTOR OF IRON AND STEEL MILL IS THAT SOVIETS HAD LOST INTEREST IN WORK SINCE ABROGATION OF SOVIET-EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP TREATY AND HAD CEASED TO SHOW UP FOR WORK.

2. GUMHURIYYA ALSO REPORTS THAT SHIPMENTS OF SOVIET SPARE PARTS FOR IRON AND STEEL MILL HAVE BEEN DELAYED SINCE ABROGATION OF TREATY AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS TAKING "ALL NECESSARY MEASURES" TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS AT IRON AND STEEL MILL.

3. COMMENT: THIS ITEM, WHICH CARRIED IN BOTH AHRAH AND GUMHURIYYA, PRESENTED IN VERY LOW-KEY MANNER AND IDENTITY OF "OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN SOURCES" UNCLEAR, AS AHRAH ARTICLE
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DATELINED VIENNA WHILE GUMHURIYYA ARTICLE, WHICH HAS VIRTUALLY

IDENTICAL WORDING, NOT DATELINED. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT
DISMISSAL PROBABLY INVOLVES PERSONAL DIFFICULTIES WITH SOVIETS
AT HELWAN. ITEM CONCERNING DELAY IN SHIPMENT OF SOVIET SPARE
PARTS OBVIOUSLY OF GREAT CONCERN TO GOE AT PRESENT, BUT TONE
OF ARTICLE DOES NOT SUGGEST THAT DELAY OF EQUIPMENT INVOLVES
CONCERTED SOVIET EFFORT TO PRESSURE EGYPTIANS. IN ADDITION,
GUMHURIYYA DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT HODA TAWFIQ REPORTS
FROM VIENNA OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN COMMENT THAT SADAT UNWILLING TO
ESCALATE DISPUTE WITH SOVIETS AT PRESENT TIME.
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